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Docket No. 500CON

PATENT



**NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL - UTILITY**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Verdell Thornton for  
**"AUTOMATED PILL BOTTLE OPENER".**

1. Type Of Application

This application is an original utility application.

2. Benefit Of Prior Application

Applicant claims priority of prior U.S. application, serial number 10/171,038, filed  
06/11/2002.

3. Fee Calculation

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

			Basic Fee = \$375.00
Total:	7 - 20 =	0 x \$ 9.00 =	0.00
Ind.:	1 - 3 =	0 x \$42.00 =	0.00
Multiple dependent:		0 x \$140.00 =	<u>0.00</u>

Basic Filing Fee Calculation = \$375.00

4. Small Entity Statement

Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status.

5. Request for Non-Publication Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

Applicant submits herewith a Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C.  
122(b)(2)(B)(i).

6. Fee Payment Being Made At This Time

Required Fees:

  x   Basic Filing Fee                    \$375.00

**Total Fees                    \$375.00**

Please charge the above and any deficiencies in fees to Deposit Acct # 11-1245.

7. Papers Enclosed Which Are Required For Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

11 Pages of specification

3 Pages of claims

1 Page of abstract

5 Sheets of drawings

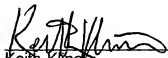
8. Declaration or Oath

A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by each inventor is enclosed herewith.

9. Certificate of Mailing (37 CFR 1.10): I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop New Applications, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 16, 2003



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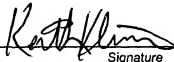
<b>NONPUBLICATION REQUEST UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)</b>	First Named Inventor	VERDELL THORNTON
	Title	AUTOMATED PILL BOTTLE OPENER
	Attorney Docket Number	500CON

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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